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CIT Name:	SCR CA-215862/CIV-107123 ACL 20-45 Regarding Extended Foster Care Program Flexibilities Due to COVID-19 Impacts WITH 21 Yr. Old's		
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(Including any step-by-step instructions)  B C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C	e purpose of this CIT is to provide the C-IV and LRS counties with a process to ntinue to aid non-minor dependents (NMD) beyond their 21st birthday. This CIT ly applies to NMDs who turned 21 on or after April 18th, 2020 and through June 2020.  **Ckground**  Urrent functionality for the Extended Foster Care program for Non-Minor ependents (NMDs) ends the day before their 21st birthday.  **Transport ACL 20-45*, due to the impacts of COVID-19*, NMDs eligibility is temporarily tended. All NMDs currently in Extended Foster Care who turn 21 on April 18th, 20*, may continue to receive benefits through June 30,2020.  **Description of the existing non-federal aid code for non-federal cases. NMD cases currently reported in the federal Aid Code 49 at will continue in Extended Foster Care beyond age 21, should be switched to discode 43.		

The Extended Foster Care program waivers and guidance contained in ACL 20-45 shall expire on <u>June 30, 2020</u>, or sooner if determined by CDSS, unless this guidance is extended in writing. All prior statutory, regulatory, and written guidance requirements modified herein shall be reinstated upon the expiration of this guidance letter.

#### **Additional information**

**SCR CA-215862/CIV-107123 (R20.05)** will provide a list of the following impacted cases and counties can follow the County Action below:

- NMDs who were active on their 21st birthday from March thru June 30th, 2020
- NMDs who will turn 21 years old in March-September 2020

March 2020 is included on the list as a few counties requested it for their own county processes, but the CIT covers what counties can do effective April 18th.

## **County Action**

LRS counties have implemented a Temporary Interim Process (TIP) to process these cases based on program status. (See attached TIP)

However, for C-IV counties, if the worker does not run online EDBC the case will continue to pay past the 21st birthday.

If there is a need to change the aid code from Federal EFC (49) to State EFC (43) the steps below can be used:

## In the month of the NMD's 21st Birthday

- Create manual EDBC
- Select COVID19 as manual EDBC reason
- When in the aid code information block, click ADD
- Select the appropriate aid code for the days prior to the youth's birthday
- The begin date is the first date of the month and the end date is the day prior to the youths 21st birthday
- Save return
- Select ADD
- Enter the appropriate aid code in the aid code drop down,
- Enter the begin date as the date of the youths 21st birthday, enter the end date as the last date of the benefit month.
- Save return
- Complete the remainder of the manual EDBC as per county business process
- Manually generate and send the applicable notice of action if needed
- Add a journal entry according to your county policy

## In the month(s) following the month of the NMD's 21st Birthday

- Create a manual EDBC
- Select the COVID 19 as the manual EDBC Reason
- Select the applicable State EFC aid code
- Complete remaining information according to your county process
- Accept and save the manual EDBC
- Manually generate and send the applicable notice of action if needed
- Add a journal entry according to your county policy

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	Note: For more information on how to complete a manual EDBC, refer to the job aid attached for C-IV and for LRS, see the attached Temporary Interim Process (TIP).  If the county chooses to pay Extended Foster Care benefits for NMDs over age 21 after June 30, 2020, refer to your county business process.  If you have any questions about the content of this CIT, please contact the Primary Project Contact.	
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